



CITY OF LODI COUNCIL COMMUNICATION

AGENDA TITLE: Adopt Resolution Rejecting the Two Low Bidders and Awarding the Purchase of a Portable Self Contain Vacuum Excavation Unit to the Lowest Responsive Bidder Ditch Witch Equipment Company, Inc., of Sacramento, CA (\$58,082.66) (EUD)

MEETING DATE: April 2, 2008

PREPARED BY: Electric Utility Director

RECOMMENDED ACTION: Adopt a resolution rejecting the two low bidders and awarding the purchase of a Portable Self Contained Vacuum Excavation Unit to the lowest responsive bidder Ditch Witch Equipment Company, Inc., of Sacramento, CA in the amount of \$58,082.66.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION: On February 20, 2008, the City Council approved specifications and authorized advertisement for bids for the Portable Self Contained Vacuum Excavation Unit.

The following bids were received and opened on March 13, 2008.

BIDDER	AMOUNT
Ditch Witch Equipment Company, Inc., Sacramento CA	\$58,082.66
Municipal Maintenance Equipment, Sacramento CA	\$74,424.88
Global Machinery West LLC, Sacramento CA	\$49,721.67 *
Allquip Universal Inc, West Sacramento CA	\$57,852.05 *

Note: The two lowest bidders are being rejected due to non-compliance with the bid specification.

The two lowest bidders, Global Machinery West LLC of Sacramento, CA and Allquip Universal Inc., of West Sacramento, CA submitted bid proposals with diesel engine sizes that did not comply with the specifications. In addition, Allquip Universal Inc., of West Sacramento, CA did not comply with the bid specifications requiring the unit be made-ready for a hydraulic boom that could be installed as needed by the City's fleet services division.

The Environmental Protection Agency's (EPA's) groundwater legislation requires any contaminated water to be contained and disposed of in an appropriate manner. Water that is pumped from electrical vaults or removed during excavation cannot enter storm drains that flow into the waterways. Any violation of this legislation could result in fines of \$10,000 or more. The Portable Self Contained Vacuum Excavation Unit will be used to remove the contaminated water, excavated material and transported to the appropriate disposal location.

Currently, Electric Utility Department (EUD) is using the Public Works vacuum excavator, the demand on this piece of equipment is increasing on a daily basis, which has resulted in

APPROVED: _____
Blair King, City Manager

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inefficient utilization of staff and delays in the ability to complete work in a timely manner. It is recommended that a portable vacuum excavation unit be purchased.

FISCAL IMPACT: The proposed equipment will result in more efficient deployment of construction and maintenance staff.

FUNDING: Cost of the purchase is \$58,082.66 and is included in the EUD 2007/08 budget in Account No. 1611201.

Kirk Evans, Budget Manager

George F. Morrow
Electric Utility Director

Prepared By: Barry Fisher, Construction/Maintenance Supervisor

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RESOLUTION NO. 2008-_____

A RESOLUTION OF THE LODI CITY COUNCIL REJECTING THE
TWO LOW BIDDERS AND AWARDING TO THE LOWEST RESPONSIVE
BIDDER FOR THE PURCHASE OF A SELF CONTAINED VACUUM
EXCAVATION UNIT

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WHEREAS, in answer to notice duly published in accordance with law and the order of this City Council, sealed bids were received and publicly opened on March 13, 2008 11:00 a.m. for the purchase of a portable self contained vacuum excavation unit for the Electric Utility Department, described in the specifications therefore approved by the City Council on February 20, 2008; and

WHEREAS, said bids have been compared, checked, and tabulated and a report thereof filed with the City Manager as follows:

Global Machinery West LLC, Sacramento, CA	\$49,721.67 *
Allquip Universal Inc., Sacramento, CA	\$57,852.05 *
Ditch Witch Equipment Company, Inc., West Sacramento, CA	\$58,082.66
Municipal Maintenance Equipment, Sacramento, CA	\$74,424.88

Note: The two low bidders are being rejected due to non-compliance with the bid specification.

WHEREAS, staff recommends that the City Council reject the two low bidders for non-compliance with the bid specification. Global Machinery West LLC of Sacramento, CA and Allquip Universal Inc of West Sacramento, CA submitted bid proposals with diesel engine sizes that did not comply with the specifications, in addition to non-field installed accessory equipment. Staff further recommends awarding the bid to the lowest responsive bidder, Ditch Witch Equipment Company, Inc., of West Sacramento, California, in the amount of \$58,082.66.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Lodi City Council hereby rejects the two low bidders, Global Machinery West LLC, Sacramento, California and Allquip Universal Inc., Sacramento, California due to non-compliance with the bid specification; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the award of the bid for the purchase of a portable self contained vacuum unit for the Electric Utility Department is hereby awarded to the lowest responsive bidder, Ditch Witch Equipment Company, Inc., of West Sacramento, California in the amount of \$58,082.66.

Dated: April 2, 2008

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I hereby certify that Resolution No. 2008-_____ was passed and adopted by the City Council of the City of Lodi in a regular meeting held April 2, 2008, by the following vote:

AYES: COUNCIL MEMBERS –
NOES: COUNCIL MEMBERS –
ABSENT: COUNCIL MEMBERS –
ABSTAIN: COUNCIL MEMBERS –

RANDI JOHL
City Clerk